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EWART'S NEW ROAD LAW.

WOULD PASS ANOTHER LAW CONTRARY TO PEOPLE'S WISH

To Discontinue Chain Gang—Calls for an Election in May.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Disregarding entirely the wishes of his constituents, as expressed at the mass meeting held at the court house, and by the members of the Commercial Club and the Merchants Association, Representative Ewart has introduced a bill repealing the present road law and offering in its place the proposed law, published in the Hustler of the 2nd of February.

The number of the bill is 1290 (you may want to refer to that number in the future) and is entitled "An act to submit to the qualified voters of the county of Henderson the question of the adoption or rejection of a road law."

In all essentials the proposed law is the same as already published in this paper except as noted above. It provides also for the appointment of Mr. P. F. Patton, the man who has made good on Henderson county roads, but also provides that in case of a vacancy occurring in the office before the next election, the county commissioners shall fill such vacancy.

The bill calls for an election on the first Tuesday in May 1911, the registration books to be opened on April 1. Just why the debt-ridden county of Henderson should be put to the great unnecessary expense and unwise excitement of an election merely to change an already effective law, Judge Ewart does not say in his bill.

Another bill, No. 1289, evidently designed to work in harmony with No. 1290, is entitled:

"An act to provide for the working, making and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the county of Henderson."

Mr. McNeely Sick.

Mr. T. C. McNeely, well known here as a railroad man, is now undergoing a very serious operation in a hospital in Columbia, S. C. Mr. McNeely has many friends in Hendersonville who hope that he will have a successful operation. One of the most prominent surgeons in the South will perform the operation. In recent years Mr. McNeely has been actively engaged in the construction of several important branch railroads. He built the road from here to Brevard and has spent several years realizing what has come to pass in the Appalachian Interurban railroad company. Mr. McNeely was one time superintendent of the Georgia Central railroad and manager of the Danville and Richmond railroad under Col. V. E. McBee who was general superintendent of the road.

The Hendersonville Mercantile Company Big Clearance Sale Attracts Large Crowds.

This is one of Hendersonville's greatest sales because of the values given and the unusual assortment of the many staple lines of seasonable merchandise they carry. Large crowds attended on opening day and the selling was brisk. Their sales force was more than doubled, giving all patrons prompt and satisfactory service.

The library started by Whitaker's book store through the advertising columns of this paper has resulted in nearly fifty members being secured. It is proposed that one hundred new books be bought and an exchange among the members be made until all have been read. This will enable each person to read the books for the price of one and only a small exchange fee. The movement is a good one.

The Average Woman.

The average woman slippeth out of bed in the morning and arrayeth herself in an armor that would have put any sixteenth century knight to the blush. She washeth her face and hands and dabbeth herself with various chemicals, goeth down to the breakfast table, where she skimmeth over the advertisements in the paper and hastily instructeth the cook what to do. She proceedeth to the scene of her operations whatever it may be. She shoppeth, or she gaddeth, or she gossipeth. At noon she hurryeth back, when she putteth on another garment still more horrible and uncomfortable than the other, and starteth off once again. She meeteth various other women and they discusseth still other woman that are not present. She indulgeth herself in all the latest fads, whatever they may be during the day. But all the time she thinketh not. She chatteth continually, but knoweth not.

She displayeth on her person ornaments, and strange and grotesque animals, and careth not, except to make an impression. By and by she windeth up at home where she greeteth her husband and swateth herself once again in less but much more highly expensive materials. At midnight she retirith. She sayeth her prayers and blisseth Jehovah that she liveth in an uplifting age.

NEWS FROM OUR SOLONS.

(Staff Correspondence)

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—"Mr. Speak-er, as I understand it"—then a dignified and highly impressive pause. That's the way they begin, almost every one of them. In fact, no true legislator, having a realizing sense of the importance and dignity of his position, would dare to let down his floodgates of oratory without this preliminary remark. And that's exactly correct.

But with only two weeks' time in which to legislate and orate, and not one single measure of prime importance yet enacted, something has naturally got to give way—and it is going to be the oratory.

If you were here in the house of representatives, spending the swift-fleeting hours watching the wheels go round, and if you were asked to say WHY there has been so little state wide legislation to date, you would answer, distinctly and without hesitation:

"The Appropriation Committee."

You see under a rule of the house, (or was it Speaker Dowd's ruling?) no measure calling for the expenditure of real money, may be discussed until it has been referred to the committee on appropriations. That committee is composed of real hard working laboring men, who are doing the best they can, but they haven't reported back a single bill yet.

And there you are, you see. So that's why the legislature now disregards all union rules of eight hours, but rather is putting in almost 1,200 shining minutes each day—for the big measures are going to be passed, somehow in some fashion.

While prophesying in advance is really a dangerous business, it is almost safe to say that no bonds will be issued, except for permanent improvements. It is the most economical legislature over and their slogan and guide when it comes to spending money is—"Don't."

It's sad, but it's true, and 'tis but a gloomy outlook and vista spread before the eyes of those who would have the state appropriate for increased pensions, state aid to highways, more money for the school children, etc., and so on.

The million dollar administration building has already dwindled to a half size that, and may be cut still more. Spahnour may get some additional appropriation for the public school, but it won't be four hundred thousand dollars Susan. Special orders for this week include the Governor's salary bill, the state wide dog tax and sheep bill, the insurance investigation, the Battle Child Labor law.

There have been bills introduced in the house to date, of which are now laws. They are practically all local measures, of course. If the state does not pass any measure to aid in good roads, the counties are doing it, at any rate. This is one of the most encouraging signs of the future greatness of North Carolina—this willingness of the counties and townships to issue bonds for paved roads.

The state primary law is now in the hands of a sub-committee. The needed Torrens land system bill will be killed or passed soon, as will the road law farm school, fish bill.

As to the little bill now sleeping in the committee rooms whose ambition it is to increase the salaries of various and sundry Henderson county officials, it is almost certain their fate will be a sad one and will cause the aforesaid county official to wonder if life is really worth the trouble after all.

Senator Fisher, of Polk, has received many letters from Henderson county folks, including Mr. Charles French Toms, asking his support for the dog law aimed to kill off worthless pups and give the sheep a chance. Senator Fisher is in favor of the bill. His measure prohibiting the sale of wine in Polk, a growing evil, is a law, and he has received a stock of letters endorsing his position from all over the State. Polk has all of Saluda, now, the Senate ratifying the bill last Saturday morning.

Raleigh looked more like a city last week than at any time during the past many months. Messrs. J. C. Morris, K. G. Morris, R. C. Clarke and F. S. Wetmore, every single one of them a Hendersonville boomer, were in town for a couple of days. They brought some of the mountain air and sunshine with them and it was sure good to look upon them once again—even if they were not excessively and enthusiastically sociable.

Some of the bills introduced are: To place Cleveland county offices on salary basis. To incorporate the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias. To enable all towns and cities to frame their own charters.

To appoint justices of the peace for Rutherford county, also to create a special court for that county, with civil and criminal jurisdiction, to be known as the Rutherford county court.

Favorable reports have been made on bills putting the solicitors of the state on a salary basis, their salaries to be \$200 less than the amounts they receive during the next twelve months. The proposed school for feeble minded children has been favorably reported, as has the \$40,000 appropriation for the Stonewall Jackson training school.

CONCERT COMPANY COMING.

One of the best attractions ever offered, the Hendersonville public will appear at the Court House on Wednesday, March 1, at 8:30, when the famous Roney's Boys Concert company of Chicago will render a varied program of concerted instrumental selections in costumes, vocal solos, duets, militant ensemble numbers, numerous other popular musical presentations.

This organization of talented boy musicians, under the personal training and management of Henry B. Roney, has won national fame, having, among other notable appearances, played at the famous Children's Christmas Party given by Ex-President and Mrs. Roosevelt in the White House at Washington several years ago, of which the Chicago Tribune had the following to say:

"More than 500 children attended the Christmas party at the White House, and not since the days of President Tyler has there been anything like it."

"Roney's Boys" who gave the musical program, scored a great hit, and the enthusiastic little guests encoored all their selections. The Golden Organ Chimes excited the children and were evidently appreciated as much as any part of the program. Today the great East Room was the scene of the merriest party ever given here. Mr. Roney bears the distinction of having been chosen from hundreds of musicians all over the country for the White House Christmas concert."

Mr. H. C. Meyer, who will manage the entertainment is to be congratulated upon his good fortune in securing this great attraction, which had an open date between Spartanburg and Asheville.

No one should miss this show as "Roney's Boys" are unique, unrivaled and unapproachable as a popular attraction. No other company appears as equally and so irresistibly to old and young, for they are nothing less than a musical sensation. These talented boys not only entertain, charm and fascinate, but they educate, stimulate and inspire the children everywhere by their marvelous accomplishments in music, especially vocal. Every charming feature that long experience and ingenuity can suggest is embodied in these programs.

Tickets will be 50c for adults and 25c for children under 12 years of age. Seats may be had at Hunter's Pharmacy or from Mr. Meyer.

Unfavorable reports have been made on the cigarette bill, and on bill making husband and wife jointly responsible for debts contracted for necessities for the family.

Winston-Salem business men want a State Board of Trade, and from the number of good roads bills introduced for the different counties the folks of the state are sure determined to abolish that evil. Good roads bills, which means bonds, have been introduced for Duplin, Franklin, Catawba, Wilkes, Wayne, Surry, Alexander, Pearson, Forsythe and many other counties. The state aid to good roads has not yet been discussed.

Other bills introduced are: Prohibiting sale of pistols to minors, to create a state tax commission and State board of equalization, providing for a female attendant to accompany female patients to the insane asylum; to reduce the number of all inspectors; to settle the boundary dispute between North Carolina and Tennessee.

Dillard of Cherokee met defeat with his bill providing that nothing be paid officers for destroying illicit stills in the wild and destroying them, netting a little profit for their labor.

Mrs. Fannie Powers of Charlotte, wants the legislature to grant her a divorce from Joseph, her husband, alleging that Joseph left some two years ago and she hasn't heard a word from him. Also wants her name and her two children name changed to her maiden cognomen—Turner.

Eastern Training School. The Eastern Training school wants \$45,000 for the coming year, also \$12,000 to wipe out a little indebtedness, and asks that \$80,000 be appropriated for additional buildings.

This is all for the present school. The western school seems to have been lost in the shuffle.

Hoke county is North Carolina's youngest child. There are now 99 of them and Avery is going to make the 100th. There will be no other new counties created outside of these two.

Henderson County Legislation.

Representative Ewart has introduced a bill allowing Judge Pace \$360 additional for clerk hire.

The bill allowing J. O. Bell to appoint a constable at Green River has come out of the committee's hands and will doubtless get through.

Another private bill is that allowing the clerk of court of Henderson physician J. F. Harris lives near Dana and is a brother of Hume Harris. In business in Hendersonville a couple of years ago.

Ewart's bill making justices of the peace in Henderson county liable to road duty has been killed dead in the senate.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENTS IN RAILROAD CIRCLES.

Reports Show That Active Plans Being Prepared for Appalachian Railroad.

Material developments in the railroad interests of Hendersonville have taken place in the past few days. In fact it is known that men of large experience and strong financial backing have had a survey made of the proposed lines and are today in conference in the city of New York planning for the completion of the railroad that Hendersonville citizens have been working on for the past four years. The surveyors have completed the lines from Hendersonville to Knoxville, via Asheville and from this city to Greenville. Indications point that Henderson will eventually become a great railroad center, making the city a hub for several important roads leading in all four directions.

This new proposition is no hot air talk, but is sound probabilities based upon well known facts made possible by the organization, promotion, labor and money spent by the Appalachian Interurban Railroad company. This enterprise was established just before the panic of 1907 and since that time has had many offsets, but with the

everlasting perseverance of many of the leading spirits of the concern with their untiring efforts are about to reap a harvest. The company has found financial aid in carrying out the already well laid plans to make Hendersonville the railroad center of Western North Carolina.

Without the able, wise and efficient assistance given the company by Mr. T. C. McNeely, a railroad builder of note there would not have been such flattering reports to make. Mr. McNeely, backed by several public spirited citizens together with the officials of the First National Bank and the Wanteska Banking company in finances has made good his promise and today he has paid every dollar to his endorsers and has squared his account with these institutions.

The debt against the Appalachian and Bat Cave railroad will soon be liquidated and the public spirited stockholders who advanced money to the company will receive their full share in return and have more railroad than was promised.

School Closing.

Clear Creek school closes March 1st with an entertainment to which the public is cordially invited. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Music will be furnished by Messrs. Virgil Ledbetter, Jim Haydock and Bill McKillop.

The program is as follows:

Opening Address, Welcome—Fred Foster.

"Words of Welcome"—Daisy Barnwell.

"Daisies"—Sophia Freeman.

"Thanks"—Willard Case.

Song "Sweet Story"—20 boys and girls.

"Lament"—Whit Ownby.

"The Quarrel"—Dollie Freeman.

"The Eternal Masculine"—Tosha Lyda.

Music—Male Quartette.

Keep Cheerful—Daniel Lyda.

At Our School—Tim Barnwell.

Music—Male Quartette.

Days of Week—Tally Lyda.

Use of Tobacco—Mark Ownby.

Rule of Three—Lila Laughter.

Youth—Margie Laughter.

A Fourth of July—Bryan Ledbetter.

Over in the Meadow—Chester Foster.

DINNER

Song, Red Wing—Chester Foster.

Burial of Moses—Annie Ownby.

Psalms of Life—Minnie Ownby.

Music.

Dialogue: "Getting Information by Achary Lyda Filbert Rhodes.

Music.

Theology in the Quarters—Ossie Rhodes.

Blue and Gray—Minnie Brown.

Poet by the Misses Lyda.

Music.

Monologue "Mrs. Piper"—Minnie Brown.

The Quilting Party—Gay Lyda.

Our Saviour—Betty Barnet.

Washington—Filbert Rhodes.

Our Flag—John Barnwell.

Jolly old Pedagogue—Fred Foster.

Music.

Liaison "Washington"—5 boys.

Male Quartette.

Dialogue "The Months"—12 boys.

Loom of Life—Dollie Lyda.

Dialogue "Mrs. Bolinbroke's Curiosity"—Filbert Rhodes and Minnie Brown.

Awarding of prizes.

Closing remarks.

Song "Goodbye"—The School.

W. O. W. Supper.

A supper will be given by the local Woodmen of the World in its quarters Thursday night. All members are urged to be present for the affair. Some very important topics will be discussed among which will be the arrangements for the coming selection of the next State meeting of the Woodmen. Hendersonville desires the organization and earnest efforts have been started to bring the Woodmen to Hendersonville. A campaign will be launched at this meeting. A delegation headed by J. C. Morrow and others will go to Greensboro March 15 and work towards bringing the body here in 1913.

At The First Baptist Church.

"Grass hoppers" will be the subject of the morning sermon. Service begins at 11 o'clock.

Special music led by an orchestra and chorus choir will be a feature of the service at night. Rev. Jno. W. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist church, will preach at the night service which begins at 7:45 o'clock.

Sunday school begins at 10 o'clock. Special music and classes for all. Organized adult classes a feature. Everybody cordially welcomed. Agreeable and attentive ushers.

K. W. Cawthon, Pastor.

Rev. Wm. Phelps, pastor of the First Methodist church of Battle Creek, Mich., is visiting in the city. Rev. Phelps preached at the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

MISS VAN STUDDIFORD TO BE AT ASHEVILLE AUTORIUM

March 1, Direct From Herald Square Theatre, N. Y. City—Come Opera Star Will Be Seen Again in "The Paradise of Mahomet."

Another New York success will be presented at the auditorium Wednesday, March 1, in "The Paradise of Mahomet," but better still this attraction will be the medium of reintroducing an old favorite of our theatre goers, Grace Van Studdiford. The splendid voice and magnetic personality of this leader among American prima donnas are well known in this city. Her own vocal accomplishments of the past are said to be eclipsed by her singing in this offering which is being brought direct from the Herald Square theatre New York.

Prominent in the large company are Maude Odell, Harry Macdonough, May Bouton, Robert Pitkin, George Leon Moore, Florence Kolb and H. Davis Todd. The chorus is not only large but can sing. The regular house orchestra will be considerably augmented for this argument.

It is predicted that everybody will be whistling the big song hit of this comic opera, which is entitled "There Is Something About You That Appeals to Me."

Indications are that Miss Van Studdiford will play to the largest business ever done at the Auditorium. Theatre goers in this vicinity should secure their tickets early and consult the local Southern R. R. agent in regard to special train returning after the performance.

Mail orders should be addressed to J. F. Arnold, Manager Auditorium and be accompanied by Postoffice or Express Money Order (not personal check). All orders for tickets will be filled in the order received.

Prices \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00.

Boylston News.

The Rev. Mr. Jamison of Mills River has just closed a series of meetings at the Methodist church at Home Shoe from which we hope much good has been done.

E. F. Barnette has just completed the new mill at Mr. Oat Corpenning which will be of great consequence to the people of this section.

J. H. Stepp is very busy these days putting in his telephone posts.

Charles Corpenning has secured a position as collector for the Wrought Iron Range Co., of St. Louis, Mo.

Stepp brothers are still burning lime at the old Boylston lime kiln.

Mrs. M. E. Stepp visited Mrs. J. M. Crook last Sunday.

Miss Lanada Stepp visited her parents last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Wilson Takes Trip.

C. E. Wilson one of Hendersonville's most valued business men left Wednesday for a western trip. He goes first to New Orleans to witness Mardi Gras, which starts this month. From this city he will journey into Texas and other states. Mr. Wilson has taken similar trips in the past and has done a great deal of advertising for Hendersonville. He carried with him hundreds of booklets which he expects to interest many in coming to this city next year. Mr. Wilson will distribute Hendersonville literature in New Orleans during the festivities of Mardi Gras. Mr. C. E. Wilson will manage the large Wilson Department store in Mr. Wilson's absence.

Mr. P. G. Edney, of Edneyville, told the Hustler office a pleasant call this week.